

# The Innovative Mystery Of Vesosomal Drug Delivery System

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## ABSTRACT :

The limitations of conventional drug carriers like liposomes may be addressed by vesosomes, a new class of vesicular drug delivery methods. The bilayered structure of these multi compartmentalized vesicles is typified by the encapsulation of inner compartments within an exterior lipid bilayer. This unusual architecture allows vesosomes to simultaneously carry numerous therapeutic agents, increasing the co-delivery of medicines with varied solubility profiles. By shielding encapsulated medications from enzymatic breakdown, premature release, and systemic clearance, vesosomes enhance the stability and bioavailability of the medicine. Vesosomes provide better structural integrity and the ability to deliver drugs in a controlled and sustained manner when compared to other vesicular systems. This makes them especially useful in the treatment of complicated illnesses like cancer, where a significant obstacle is multi-drug resistance. By concentrating medications on certain locations of action and reducing off-target effects, their capacity to achieve both passive and active targeting increases therapeutic efficacy. Notwithstanding the potential of vesosome technology, issues with stability, immunogenicity, and large-scale production still need to be resolved in order to support clinical translation. This article offers a thorough examination of the benefits, drawbacks, structure, and drug encapsulating process of vesosomes. Important uses in fields like gene delivery, cancer therapy, antibiotic therapy, and vaccine development are examined, and current preclinical and clinical research is reviewed. Research on vesosomes will likely focus on creating more effective, biocompatible formulations and investigating their use in combination therapies and personalised medicine. Vesosomes present a ground-breaking method of drug delivery that could expand the area of nanomedicine and get past present therapeutic constraints.

**Keywords:-** Vesosomes, Multi-compartmental drug delivery, Targeted drug delivery, Nanomedicine, Controlled release.

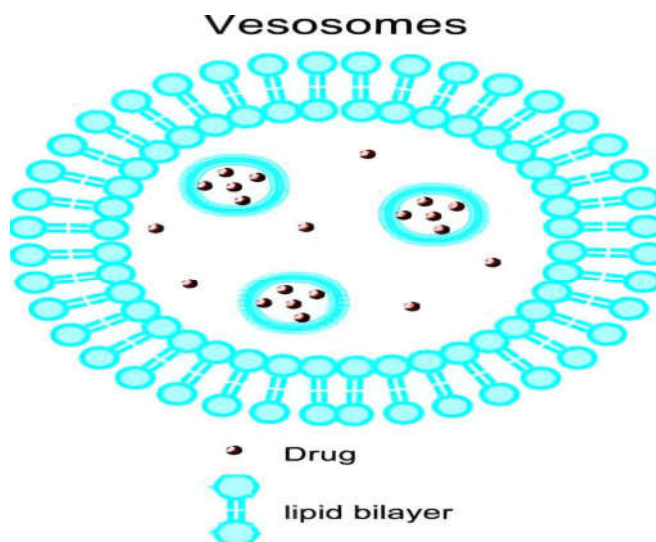
## Introduction

A formulation or apparatus intended to make it easier to administer a medication into the body while enhancing its efficacy and safety is referred to as a drug delivery system. This is accomplished by regulating the drug's release into the body in terms of timing, location, and rate. The medication is administered, its active ingredients are released, and they are allowed to pass through biological barriers and reach their intended site of action.

In certain instances, the medicinal material might contain an agent that causes the active ingredient to be produced directly within the body (in vivo), like in gene therapy. Although there are particular regulatory considerations, gene therapy is frequently regarded as a component of drug delivery systems. Gene vectors may need to be delivered into the human body using sophisticated techniques. The patient and the medication are connected by a drug delivery system. It could be a specialized delivery system or a therapeutic drug formulation. It is crucial to differentiate between the drug and the delivery device because drug control organizations establish different regulatory requirements for each. [1-3]

### Vesosome

Vesosomes are new vesicular drug delivery vehicles with a bilayered membrane structure, usually consisting of cholesterol and phospholipids.[4]



## Characterization

1. Bilayered structure: consists of a lipid bilayer enclosing an inner aqueous compartment. [5]
2. Size: Usually falls between 100 nm and 1  $\mu\text{m}$ . [6]
3. Content: Cholesterol, phospholipids, and other lipids. [7]
4. Surface modification: For better stability and targeting, the surface can be functionalised with targeting ligands or polymers. [8]

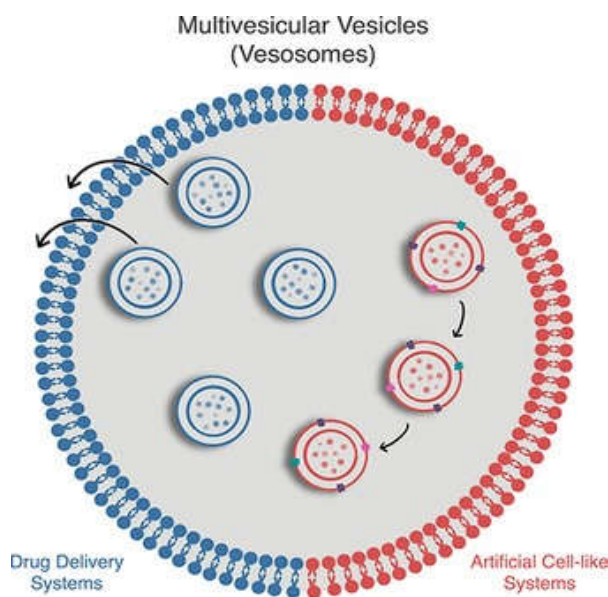
## Structure and composition of vesosomes

Vesosomes are a novel drug delivery system made up of lipid-based multicompartmental structures. A thorough description of their structure can be found below.

**1. Outer Bilayer:** The entire vesosome is encased in a lipid membrane, which makes up the outer bilayer. By imitating natural cell membranes, this membrane ensures biocompatibility and improves the effectiveness of drug delivery. It acts as a barrier of protection, controlling the controlled release of therapeutic agents and halting the contents' deterioration. This bilayer's stability and makeup are crucial because they affect how well the vesosome delivers medications to specific locations.

**2. Aqueous Core:** The lipid bilayer contains the aqueous core of vesosomes, which has internal compartments called unilamellar vesicles. Because of this structure, vesosomes can contain both hydrophilic and hydrophobic medications. The controlled release of therapeutic agents is made possible by the internal vesicles, which are suspended in the aqueous environment. By acting as a network of tiny drug reservoirs, this design makes sure that the encapsulated medications are delivered effectively and released on schedule.

**3. Internal Vesicles:** Smaller liposomes inside the aqueous core make up the internal vesicles of vesosomes, which each act as a compartment to encapsulate and shield therapeutic agents. A complex drug release mechanism is made possible by these vesicles, which can have different compositions. Therapeutic agents are released precisely when and where needed thanks to their multi-compartment structure, which enables precise control over drug delivery timing and location. The vesosome's capacity to deliver medications effectively and efficiently is improved by this design. [9]



Vesosomes' special structure allows for targeted drug delivery to particular body parts and can extend the medication's therapeutic effect. They provide the flexibility to deliver multiple drugs within a single carrier and are comparatively easy to produce. Known as "liposomes," unilamellar vesicles are frequently employed as drug delivery vehicles and simple cell models. Drug retention is greatly increased by encasing unilamellar liposomes in a second bilayer to create multi-compartment vesosomes, which block enzymes and proteins from entering the inner bilayers. Additionally, both the outer bilayer and the interior compartments can be independently optimized thanks to the multi-compartment design. Drug retention can be improved from minutes to hours just by the bilayer-within-a-bilayer structure. [10-11]

### Mechanism of Drug Encapsulation

Encapsulation within vesosomes is a controlled and exact process. In general, it operates as follows:

**1. Preparation of Liposomes:** There are several crucial steps in preparing liposomes for vesosome encapsulation:

<b>Lipid Solution Preparation</b>	An organic solvent, like chloroform, dissolves lipids.
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<b>Thin Lipid Film Formation</b>	Reduced pressure causes the solvent to evaporate, leaving the container's surface covered in a thin layer of lipids.
<b>Hydration</b>	The lipid film swells and forms big, multi-lamellar vesicles when an aqueous solution is added.
<b>Sonication or Extrusion</b>	Smaller, homogeneous unilamellar vesicles (SUVs) are created by extrusion through filters or sonication, which uses sound waves.
<b>Drug Loading</b>	They are SUVs that contain the desired drug molecules.

By producing the tiny vesicles and encasing them inside the bigger vesosomes, this procedure guarantees a highly regulated and efficient drug delivery system.

**2. Formation of Vesosomes:** Vesosomes are multi-compartment structures made by encasing small unilamellar vesicles (SUVs) inside larger lipid bilayer vesicles. The steps in the process are as follows:

<b>Prepare SUVs</b>	SUV preparation involves creating and loading the targeted drug molecules into tiny unilamellar vesicles.
<b>Mixing</b>	A solution with bigger lipid molecules is mixed with the SUVs.
<b>Formation</b>	The outer bilayer of the vesosomes is formed when the SUVs naturally encapsulate within the larger lipid layers after mixing.

<b>Final Structure</b>	With internal vesicles holding the encapsulated medications, the end product is a multilayered vesicle.
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Vesosomes are produced as a result of this meticulous procedure, providing a sophisticated drug delivery system.

**3. Encapsulation Efficiency:** The percentage of the drug that is successfully trapped inside the vesicles during the formation process is known as encapsulation efficiency. This efficiency is influenced by several factors:

<b>Lipid Composition</b>	The efficiency of encapsulation can be greatly impacted by the kind of lipids used.
<b>Drug Properties</b>	The drug's solubility and molecular size have an impact on its encapsulation efficiency.
<b>Preparation Method</b>	The efficiency of processes like sonication, extrusion, and freeze-thaw cycles is influenced by them.
<b>Vesicle Size</b>	For some medications, smaller vesicles may provide better encapsulation efficiency.

A greater proportion of the medication can be encapsulated by optimizing these variables, increasing the drug delivery system's efficacy.

Like packing several smaller boxes inside a larger protective one, this meticulous procedure guarantees that each drug molecule is effectively delivered to its target. [12]

## Advantages of Vesosomes in Drug Delivery

**1. Improved Bioavailability:** By preventing degradation and enhancing absorption, vesosomes increase a drug's bioavailability. [13]

**2. Targeted Delivery:** By precisely targeting particular cells or tissues, vesosomes can reduce side effects and boost medication effectiveness. [14]

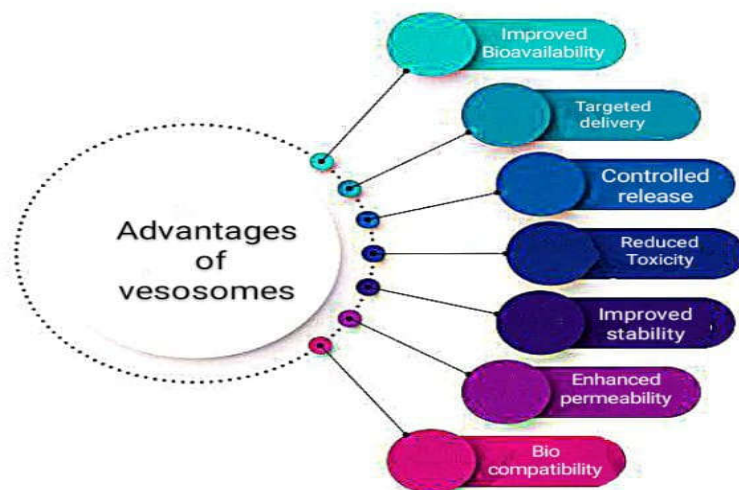
**3. Controlled Release:** Controlled drug release is made possible by vesosomes, which offer a consistent and long-lasting release. [15]

**4. Reduced Toxicity:** Vesosomes reduce toxicity by encasing medications and preventing them from interacting with healthy cells. [16]

**5. Improved Stability:** Vesosomes protect medications from deterioration and aggregation, increasing their stability. [17]

**6. Enhanced Permeability:** Drugs can pass through biological barriers like the blood-brain barrier more easily when vesosomes are present. [18]

**7. Biocompatibility:** Vesosomes lower the possibility of negative reactions because they are biocompatible and can be created from either natural or synthetic materials. [19]



Future Directions:

1. Development of targeted liposomes
2. Combination therapy using liposomes
3. Liposome-based delivery of nucleic acids
4. Liposome-based delivery of proteins and peptides

**Advantages of Vesosomes over Liposomes**

**1. Improved Stability:** Because of their bilayer structure, which minimizes leakage and improves drug retention, vesosomes are more stable than liposomes. [20]

**2. Enhanced Encapsulation Efficiency:** Compared to liposomes, vesosomes are more effective at encapsulating a wider variety of medications, including both hydrophilic and hydrophobic substances. [21]

**3. Better Targeting Capabilities:** By engineering vesosomes to target particular cells or tissues, off-target effects can be reduced and drug efficacy can be increased. [22]

**4. Controlled Release:** Vesosomes make it possible for medications to be released gradually, which lowers the need for frequent dosage and increases patient adherence. [23]

**5. Improved Bioavailability:** Vesosomes improve absorption and shield medications from deterioration, increasing their bioavailability. [24]

**6. Reduced Toxicity:** Vesosomes help to lessen toxicity by encasing medications and preventing them from interacting with healthy cells. [25]

**7. Scalability:** Vesosomes are a more viable choice for commercialization because they are simple to scale up for large-scale production. [26]



**8. Flexibility:** Vesosomes are more adaptable than liposomes because they can be made in a variety of forms, such as liquid, gel, and powder. [27]

### Challenges in Vesosome Technology

Vesosome technology, which uses lipid vesicles like liposomes and nanocarriers to deliver drugs, genes, or bioactive compounds, has drawn interest because of its potential to increase targeting accuracy and therapeutic efficacy. Nonetheless, there are still a number of obstacles to overcome in the use of this technology, such as formulation issues and safety worries. Here are a few of the main obstacles :



#### 1. Stability Issues

- **Physical Instability:** Because of temperature fluctuations, shear stress during processing, or interactions with biological components, vesosomes especially liposomes can aggregate, fuse, or leak while being stored.
- **Chemical Instability:** The therapeutic effectiveness of encapsulated medications can be reduced by vesosomal integrity being compromised by lipid degradation, oxidation, or phospholipid hydrolysis. [28]

#### 2. Drug Encapsulation Efficiency

- **Low Encapsulation Efficiency:** Drugs with high molecular weights or those that are poorly soluble frequently have low encapsulation efficiency, which lowers the therapeutic dose.

- **Leakage of Encapsulated Content:** When medications escape vesicles before they reach their intended target, systemic side effects can increase and therapeutic effects can be diminished. [29]

### **3. Targeting and Selectivity**

- **Limited Targeting Ability:** Even with surface modifications like ligands or antibodies, it is still difficult to precisely target diseased tissue without running the risk of toxicity and off-target effects.
- **Heterogeneity of Target Cells:** Targeting all subtypes effectively is made more difficult by target cell variability (such as in cancers). [30]

### **4. Immune Response and Toxicity**

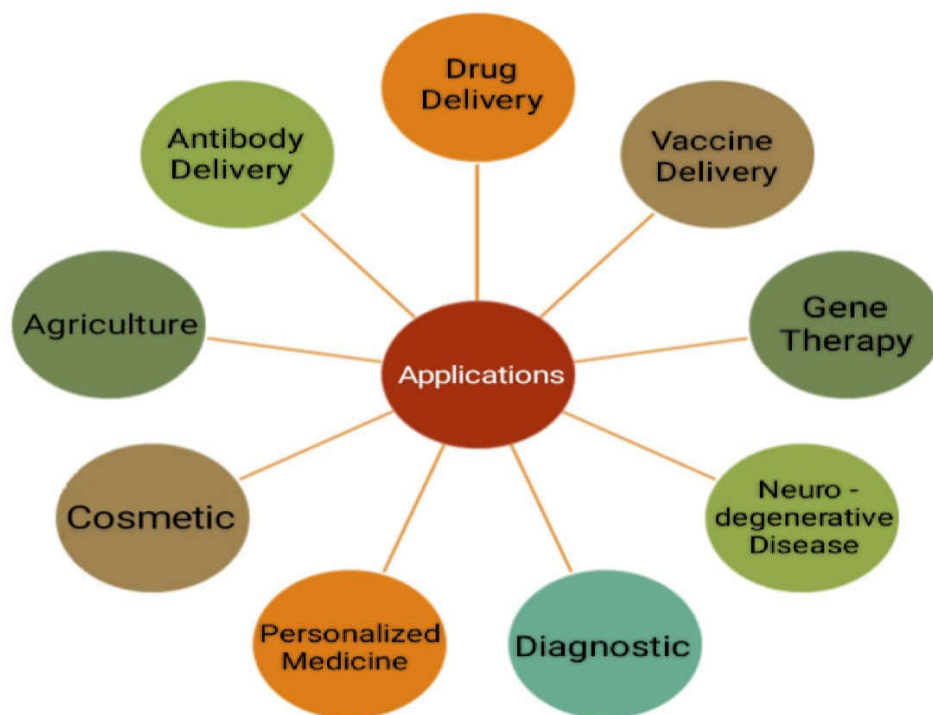
- **Immunogenicity :** Immune responses brought on by liposomes may result in hypersensitivity reactions or early clearance.
- **Toxicity of Additives:** Higher dosages of certain substances, like cholesterol or surfactants, can be toxic, which raises questions about long-term use safety. [31]

### **5. Cost-Effectiveness**

- **High Production Costs:** Costly raw materials and intricate procedures are needed to manufacture vesosomal formulations, which restricts affordability, especially in developing nations or for long-term therapies. [32]

### **Applications of Vesosomes**

Applications for vesosomes are numerous, especially in biotechnology and medicine. Important areas consist of:



## 1. Drug Delivery

- Enhanced Stability: Therapeutic agents are shielded from deterioration by vesosomes, which guarantees their effectiveness until they get to the intended location.
- Targeted Therapy: By delivering medications straight to particular cells or tissues, engineered vesosomes increase effectiveness and reduce side effects, as in chemotherapy.
- Combination Therapies: They make it possible to co-encapsulate several medications, which can have synergistic effects in complex diseases like cancer. [33]

## 2. Vaccine Delivery

- Antigen Presentation: Vesosomes enhance immune responses for vaccines that target cancer and infectious diseases by improving the stability and delivery of adjuvants and antigens.

- mRNA Vaccines: Vesosomes are efficient mRNA vaccine carriers because they stabilize mRNA and promote cellular uptake.
- Immune Boosting: By maintaining antigen stability and promoting strong immune responses, vesosomes help vaccines work. [34]

### 3. Gene Therapy

- Nucleic Acid Delivery: Vesosomes target particular cells to alter gene expression in order to treat genetic disorders and cancers. They encapsulate DNA, RNA, and other nucleic acids.
  - Mechanisms and Benefits: Vesosomes are perfect for delivering therapeutic nucleic acids because they offer stability, accurate delivery, and fewer off-target effects. [35]

### 4. Neurodegenerative Diseases

By delivering therapeutics to neuronal cells, vesosomes provide novel approaches to treating diseases like Huntington's, Parkinson's, and Alzheimer's.

#### ➤ Targeted Drug Delivery:

- CNS Targeting: Treatment options for diseases like multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's, and Alzheimer's are made possible by vesosomes, which allow therapeutic delivery across the blood-brain barrier.
- Gene Therapy:
  - Mechanism: DNA, RNA, and other nucleic acids can be precisely delivered into neuronal cells by vesosomes.
- Protein Delivery:
  - Mechanism: Vesosome-delivered therapeutic proteins can promote neuron protection and regeneration.
- Immunotherapy:
  - Mechanism: In neurodegenerative diseases, vesosomes reduce neuroinflammation by modifying immune responses. [36]

## 5. Diagnostics

Because of their special properties, vesosomes are useful instruments in diagnostic procedures.

- **Biosensing:** Vesosomes can be used in biosensors for the detection of specific biomolecules.
  - **Mechanism:** Proteins, infections, and nucleic acids are among the biomolecules that can be detected by functionalized vesosomes equipped with probes (such as antibodies or nucleic acids). [37]
- **Imaging Techniques:**
  - **Mechanism:** For MRI and fluorescence imaging, vesosomes containing imaging agents—such as fluorescent dyes or contrast agents—are utilized..
- **Molecular Diagnostics:**
  - **Mechanism:** Vesosomes transport nucleic acids, such as DNA or RNA, for diagnostic procedures based on CRISPR or PCR.
- **Point-of-Care Testing:**
  - **Mechanism:** Portable diagnostic tools that incorporate vesosomes for on-site testing
- **Inflammation and Disease Monitoring:**
  - **Mechanism:** Vesosomes react to particular biomarkers linked to inflammation or disease states by releasing diagnostic agents.

## 6. Personalized Medicine

Tailored therapeutic approaches are made possible by vesosomes, which improve treatment effectiveness and lessen adverse effects.

- **Tailored Therapies:**
  - **Mechanism:** For customized treatment regimens, vesosomes adjust to the characteristics of each patient.

- Targeted Drug Delivery:
  - Mechanism: Vesosomes use distinct biomarkers, such as tumor antigens or surface receptors, to attach to particular cell types.
- Gene Therapy:
  - Mechanism: Nucleic acids (such as DNA and RNA) can be encapsulated to target genetic mutations unique to a patient's condition.
- Customized Vaccines:
  - Mechanism: Vesosomes improve the immune response by delivering neoantigens or antigens unique to each patient.
- Pharmacogenomics:
  - Mechanism: Drugs are delivered via vesosomes that are tailored to the genetic profile of the patient for improved drug response.
- Combination Therapies:
  - Mechanism: Multiple therapeutic agents are co-delivered by vesosomes, which target various pathways in complex diseases. [38]

## 7. Cosmetic Applications

The cosmetics industry is using vesosomes more and more to improve the effectiveness and delivery of active ingredients in skincare products.

- Skin Delivery Systems: Vesosomes enhance the active ingredients' absorption in dermatological products like: [39]
  - Anti-aging creams
  - Moisturizers
  - Sunscreens
  - Serums
- Enhanced Ingredient Delivery:
  - Mechanism: Active ingredients are encapsulated in vesosomes for improved skin barrier penetration. [40]
- Controlled Release Systems:

- Mechanism: For long-lasting effects, vesosomes allow the active ingredients to be released gradually. [41]
- Targeted Delivery:
  - Mechanism: Vesosomes can be customized to target particular skin types or conditions, guaranteeing accurate delivery. [42]
- Stability of Formulations:
  - Mechanism: Encapsulation shields delicate components from deterioration brought on by heat, air, or light. [43]
- Skin Barrier Repair:
  - Mechanism: Ceramides and other substances that help restore the skin barrier are delivered by vesosomes. [44]

## 8. Agricultural Applications

In agriculture, vesosomes have the potential to increase the sustainability and efficiency of input delivery, such as for nutrients and pesticides.

### Key Applications:

- Pesticide Delivery
- Nutrient Delivery
- Biostimulants for plant growth
- Disease Control
- Environmental Remediation [45-50]

The use of vesosomes is anticipated to improve sustainable farming methods as more study is conducted. Vesosomes offer a viable platform for enhancing agricultural operations by delivering nutrients, insecticides, biostimulants, and disease-control agents more effectively.

They are useful in sustainable agriculture because of their capacity to enhance efficacy, offer targeted treatments, and safeguard delicate components.

Vesosome use in agriculture is anticipated to increase as research progresses, resulting in more productive and ecologically friendly farming methods.

**Benefits:**

Targeted delivery and controlled release increase effectiveness and lessen environmental impact.

Prevent the deterioration of delicate compounds for increased efficacy.

Vesosomes are anticipated to play a major role in enhanced crop productivity and sustainable farming methods as research progresses.

**9. Antibody Delivery**

Antibodies can now be delivered via vesosomes, which improves their stability, targeting, and therapeutic effectiveness.

**Key Applications:**

- Targeted Delivery: Antibodies can be precisely delivered to particular tissues or cells thanks to vesosomes.
- Enhanced Stability: Antibodies are shielded from deterioration by encapsulation, increasing their bioavailability.
- Controlled Release: Vesosomes enable the slow release of antibodies, guaranteeing long-lasting therapeutic benefits.
- Co-Delivery: They make it easier to deliver antibodies and other treatments at the same time, which enhances treatment results.

**Example:**

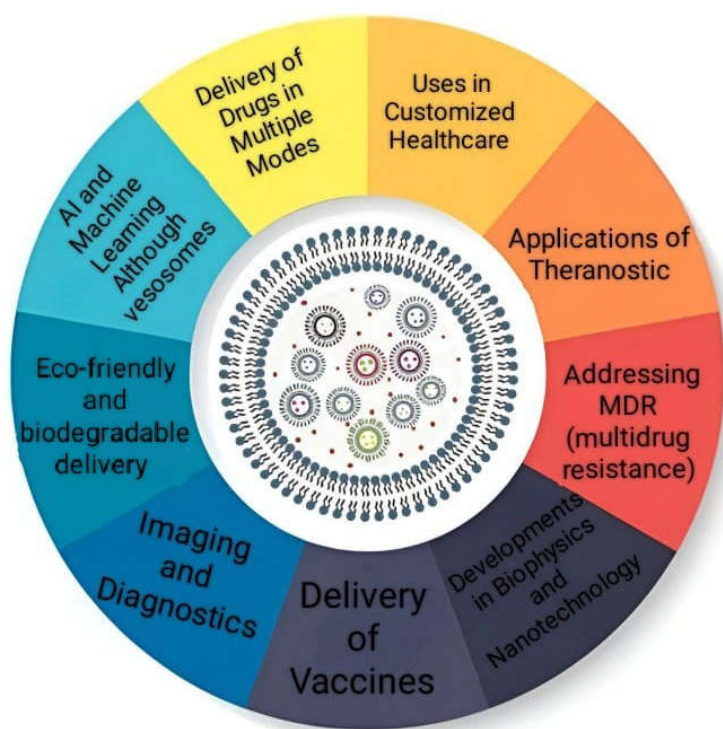
- Immunotherapy: Vesosomes improve the delivery of monoclonal antibodies for the treatment of autoimmune diseases and cancer. [51-55]

These uses demonstrate how vesosomes can revolutionize a variety of industries, including medicine, cosmetics, and agriculture. Their usefulness is anticipated to grow as research advances, spurring innovation in a variety of domains.



## FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

Recent studies have focused on the potential uses of vesosomes, which are specialized organelles involved in a number of cellular functions, in biotechnology and medicine. Here is a look at vesosomes from the future. Because of their distinct structural and functional benefits, vesosomal drug delivery systems (VDDS) have a very bright future. With their vesicle-in-vesicle topologies, vesosomes are incredibly adaptable in tackling today's problems with prolonged release, multi-drug loading, and targeted drug delivery. Thanks to developments in materials science, biotechnology, and nanotechnology, vesosomes as drug delivery vehicles have a bright future. Here is a thorough analysis of this developing field:



### 1. Delivery of Drugs in Multiple Modes

Targeted and Sequential Delivery:

Multiple medicines with distinct solubilities (hydrophilic and hydrophobic) and sequential release profiles can be delivered simultaneously thanks to the segmented structures that vesosomes offer. They are therefore perfect for intricate medical procedures like cancer combo therapies.

Improved Stability:

By shielding encapsulated medications from deterioration in hostile biological settings, the many lipid bilayers improve bioavailability and therapeutic results. [56]

## **2. Uses in Customized Healthcare**

For individualized targeting of sick cells or tissues, for example tumors or inflammatory areas, vesosomes can be modified with particular surface ligands, peptides, or antibodies. Because of their versatility, vesosomes are important components of precision medicine.

Gene Therapy:

VDDS are especially well-suited for delivering nucleic acids (DNA, RNA) for gene-editing treatments such as CRISPR/Cas9. [57]

## **3. Applications of Theranostic**

Theranostic applications, which allow for simultaneous illness detection and therapy, are made possible by the combination of therapeutic medicines and diagnostic agents (such as imaging markers) in vesosomes. In neurodegenerative diseases and oncology, this method is especially beneficial. [58]

## **4. Addressing MDR (multidrug resistance)**

By encasing several medications, including resistance inhibitors and chemotherapeutics, in distinct layers, vesosomes can get around cellular drug efflux systems. This dual-action ability can aid in overcoming MDR in bacterial infections and malignancies. [59]

## **5. Developments in Biophysics and Nanotechnology**

Advanced biodegradable and stimuli-responsive substances are anticipated to be included into future vesosomes, enabling medication release that is activated by enzymes, pH, or temperature.

Better Manufacturing Methods:

Advances in nanoprecipitation and microfluidics may make it easier and more affordable to produce vesosomes on a wide scale. [60]

## **6. Delivery of Vaccines**

Researchers are looking into using vesosomes to deliver antigens in a controlled way, boost immunity, and increase vaccine effectiveness. This is especially pertinent to immunotherapy for cancer and infectious diseases. [61]

## **7. Imaging and Diagnostics**

Vesosomes can improve the sharpness and accuracy of diagnostic imaging procedures like MRIs and CT scans by encapsulating imaging chemicals.

Key applications :

1. Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
2. Computed Tomography (CT) Imaging
3. Optical Imaging
4. Ultrasound Imaging
5. Nuclear Medicine Imaging [62-66]

## **8. Eco-friendly and biodegradable delivery**

Because vesosomes are composed of natural lipids, they are both ecologically benign and biocompatible. Biodegradable delivery methods for environmental or agricultural applications can be among the future applications.

1. Agricultural delivery
2. Food delivery
3. Nanotechnology

There are some advantages of vesosomes in Eco-friendly drug delivery:

- Biodegradability
- Reduced waste
- Non- toxicity
- Sustainable production

Because of their adaptability, biocompatibility, and capacity to encapsulate a wide range of compounds, vesosomes have great promise as a game-changing technology in the fields of medicine, diagnostics, cosmetics, and more. Vesosomes are anticipated to play a crucial role in the development of novel treatments and diagnostics as nanotechnologies and materials science continue to progress. [67-69]

## **9. AI and Machine Learning**

Although vesosomes are mainly researched in the domains of biotechnology and medicine, their special qualities and capacities may help with AI and ML applications, particularly in the fields of biotechnology, nanotechnology, and bioinformatics. In the future, vesosomes may interact with AI and ML in the following ways:

1. AI-Powered Optimization of Drug Delivery
2. Intelligent Vesosome Design
3. Screening at High Throughput
4. Integration of Bioinformatics
5. Diagnostics for Medicine
6. Precision Medicine Integration using Neural Networks
7. Biohybrid System Development
8. Discovery of Materials
9. Eco-Friendly Production
10. Digital Twin Technology

The development, manufacturing, and use of vesosomes will be greatly influenced by artificial intelligence and machine learning in the future. AI can improve the effectiveness and impact of these nanostructures in a variety of industries, especially in precision medicine, diagnostics, and sustainable production systems. Examples of this include producing biohybrid vesosomes and optimizing drug delivery systems. It is anticipated that vesosome integration with AI-driven systems would lead to previously unheard-of breakthroughs as multidisciplinary research expands. [70-71]

## CONCLUSION

Vesosomes are a major advancement in drug delivery technology because of their capacity to efficiently encapsulate and transport a variety of therapeutic agents. Their unique multi-compartmental structure allows hydrophilic and hydrophobic drugs to be delivered together, enhances drug stability, and provides controlled release properties. Due to these features, vesosomes have a lot of potential for treating complex illnesses like cancer, where it's essential to guarantee targeted treatment and get past drug resistance. Even though vesosomes have a lot of potential, problems still need to be fixed, particularly with regard to immunogenicity risk, storage stability, and large-scale production. Further research is necessary to get past these challenges and maximize vesosome compositions. Furthermore, the development of stimuli-responsive and customized vesosome systems could lead to new advancements in precision medicine. In conclusion, vesosomes represent a new generation of drug delivery technologies and have the potential to revolutionize the treatment of complex diseases. Vesosomes have the potential to significantly improve the safety and effectiveness of upcoming pharmaceutical treatments by overcoming present limitations in therapeutic delivery.

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